

# Spay - Neuter

Spaying and neutering are surgical procedures performed by veterinarians where reproductive organs are removed. There are many benefits to having your pet spayed or neutered.

Female pets who have been spayed are less likely to develop breast and ovarian cancers and uterine infections. Males who have been neutered are less likely to develop prostate and testicular cancers. Once their reproductive organs have been surgically removed, pets are less apt to roam, thereby reducing the risk of injury or contracting infectious diseases. They may also become calmer.

Having your pet spayed or neutered helps to ensure that they will not contribute to the growing problem of pet overpopulation and excess crowding in animal shelters.

Your veterinarian can provide more information on these procedures as well as recommendations for the appropriate time and age to have your pet spayed or neutered.



*2.7 million adoptable cats and dogs were euthanized in shelters in 2013.*